at least one inner layer, a textile reinforcement layer, a stiffening and an outer layer that is bonded to the textile reinforcement layer and the inner layer, characterized in that said stiffening is selected from the group consisting of individual threads, individual yarns and a textile product, said stiffening forming a textile bond with the textile reinforcement layer, said stiffening at normal ambient temperatures will act as a stiffener primarily in a direction different from the longitudinal axis of the body to be stiffened.

32. The extended textile reinforcement layer of claim 31, wherein a melting point of said stiffening is lower than a melting point of said textile reinforcement layer.

33. The extended textile reinforcement layer of claim 31, wherein said stiffening consists of individual threads or yarns.

34. The extended textile reinforcement layer of claim 32, wherein said stiffening consists of individual threads or yarns.

35. The extended textile reinforcement layer of claim 31, wherein said stiffening consists of a textile product.

36. The extended textile reinforcement layer of claim 32, wherein said stiffening consists of a textile product.

37. The extended textile reinforcement layer of claim 35, wherein said textile product is selected from the group consisting of a fabric, knitted fabric, knit, double knit and a fleece.

38. The extended textile reinforcement layer of claim 36, wherein said textile product is selected from the group consisting of a fabric, knitted fabric, knit, double knit and a fleece.

39. A hose, tube or similar extended object, characterized by the presence of one or more extended textile reinforcement layer(s) according to claim 31.

40. A process for the manufacture of a hose, tube or similar extended object as defined in claim 39 comprising the steps of:

(i) wrapping at ambient temperature at least one textile reinforcement layer and a stiffening as defined in claim 31 around an inner layer of said hose, tube or similar extended object to be formed,

(ii) covering said at least one textile reinforcement layer provided in step (i) with an outer layer of said hose, tube or similar extended object to be formed, and

(iii) bonding at elevated temperature said outer layer provided in step (ii) to said at least one textile reinforcement layer and said inner layer.

temperature substantially causes the reinforcement material to lose its stiffening.